

homes, destroying manhood, dethroning reason, committing crime, ruining souls. Christ came to destroy the works of the devil and this he can do only thro his people. What are you doing to destroy this the greatest of all his works?

Brief Notes

Trying to love is as logical and scientific as trying to breathe. The impulse is eternal. Love is spontaneous combustion.

The well spent moments of time make title to the golden ages of eternity. Talk about profitable investments, where can you find any to compare with these?

The wise men of the East brought gifts of gold to the infant Christ. The wise, either east or west, are doing the same today, for those who loan to the Lord lay up for eternity.

A Chicago millionaire offers \$6000.00 for a new pink carnation. If men were willing to make as much effort and as many sacrifices to adorn character as to beautify their homes, what a host of admirable people we would soon have in the world.

A Polish scientist has discovered a method by which rays of light are made to explode dynamite bombs. A far greater master of craftiness uses the same beautiful agent in his work of destruction when for diabolical purposes he transforms himself into an angel of light.

Students in Romania are to be prosecuted by the government for frequenting saloons and places of drinking. A little Romania civilization in our university towns would be a good thing to import.

As soon as the Catholic church in the conquered Spanish islands found itself deprived of government aid, it collapsed, there being not enough religion in it to survive the loss of pesetas.

Rev. Frank Voorman of N. Y. city, who abandoned the ministry to organize a Klondike gold mining company is charged with squandering the company's money. Of all swindlers the reverend swindler is the worst.

He is the beggar who allows a good cause to go begging. Sit down and consider whether the institutions of your church ought to be supported, and if the conclusion if affirmative don't let your conduct be negative.

We have seen beautiful memorial windows in churches which shut out the light; and the same effect is sometimes produced by an eloquent and attractive personality in the pulpit, projecting too much of his ornamental self into the sermon.

Better attempt the impossible than attempt nothing. What is impossible to fear becomes possible to courage, and what is impossible to courage becomes possible to faith. But faith is courage writ large. Refuse to believe that any right thing is impossible.

It is stated on high authority that the United States government took the Philippines as the only method of preventing a serious international war, other powers having laid plans to seize the islands. The great international grab game is certainly on.

Invisible religion is sometimes like the Irishman's flea, you put your finger on him and he isn't there. What the world needs is more of the visible religion of active righteousness. The new version makes James say, "Do your righteousness." It sounds like business.

Spain is now offering to sell all her remaining islands. This might be called the statesmanship of common sense. She could have sold her sovereignty over Cuba, the Philippines and Porto Rico for half a billion dollars. But no, she must spend several hundred millions in a fruitless war, and lose the islands at last. At one period of our civil war it is said that

President Lincoln offered the southern slave holders many millions of dollars for their slaves, if they would come back to the Union. They refused and lost all. A false sense of honor set both the Spaniards and the southern slave holders upon a course of infinite folly. There can be no accord between true honor and folly.

A man is worth much or worthless by what he is. Not what is on him but what is in him is the true inventory. His ledger may say that he is worth millions, but his ledger may lie. That splendid palace domiciles a bankrupt soul. That brilliant equipage carries—nothing. "Cease from man, whose breath is in his nostrils, for what is he to be accounted of?"

The Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, Spurgeon's church, which was destroyed by fire some months ago, has been rebuilt at a cost of \$160,000.00. Rev. Thomas Spurgeon, son of the famous preacher, is pastor of the church. He is said to be a good preacher, but he is not the power which once swayed the religious world from that rostrum.

Senator Raines, the temperance legislator of New York, has introduced a bill in the Assembly prohibiting the sale of liquors on Sunday. The newspapers state that his fellow legislators are astounded at the bill. It is regarded as fanatical, and it is stated that there is no chance for the bill to become a law. Another member of the same legislature proposes to legalize theatres and all such amusements on Sundays. Still another wants the saloons opened on Sundays. There are evidently lots of astounding things in the Empire State.

Nelson Dingley, M. C., author of the Dingley tariff, prominent politician and statesman, died in Washington last week. The funeral services in the Capitol were very impressive. It was attended by all the great people in Washington. Death's arrows find the great as well as the small, and no earthly distinction counts in the presence of the grim angel.

A German court retried and acquitted a dead man of a crime for which he was condemned during life. This is regarded as a remarkable case of jurisprudence to occur in a civilized country, but it is not unlike the process of a much higher court, where we are told that judgment will come after death. Blessed is the man who shall be acquitted by that court.

Professor Andree who went to the North Pole in a balloon eighteen months since, and who has never been heard from, is nevertheless supposed by some to be alive, having taken along with him abundant supplies for three years. What fearful risks men take in the interests of science, or for fame or profit. Yet for eternal life many of these men will do nothing.

Cats and sparrows have so multiplied in the lovely island of Burmuda that tourists who go to this paradise to spend the winter are beginning to find them an intolerable nuisance. This is typical of the world's pleasures as well as its pleasant places, so often marred with evils and annoyances. It is also typical of that form of personal beauty in which a closer examination reveals the blight of some moral defect. How many of the world's paradises are spoiled with yowling cats and chattering sparrows.

"He is upright." To say that of a man is great praise. Let us see; it means that he stands straight up, erect. He is no slouch. He doesn't think that he can shuffle half bent with furtive glance when no one observes, and then stand straight up when eyes are upon him. Again it means that he has upright thoughts, heavenward aspirations, yearnings for a better, nobler manhood. And then again it means that he grows upward, straight, skyward. A grand creation is an upright man. Worlds lean on his strength. An empire awaits him in the stars.

There is a rosary in the British Museum composed of the bones of a snake; another one of rat teeth. A rosary is a string of Roman Catholic prayers, represented by so many beads strung together. The devout Catholic counts his beads, which is equivalent

to saying his prayers. The snake bone and rat teeth rosary are not very unfit emblems of ancient Romish piety and charity.

Your endowment contribution to the College and Mission and Publishing House fund will be doing its work of righteousness to your account long after you have gone into the other world, and then you will say, Why did I make it so small?

Personal Mention

Brother Hopkins reports four accessions at Tiosa, Indiana.

Brother Clark reports the organization of a new church at Sunfield, Michigan.

Brother Furry tells the young people in what ways they may help support the church.

Our next issue will have a sermon by Brother Kimmel accompanied with portrait.

Brother Summers closed a two weeks' meeting at Darwin, Ind., which resulted in five accessions.

Brother L. S. Bauman closed his meeting at Mexico, Ind., Jan. 25, with thirteen accessions.

The work at Montour, Iowa, is moving forward very nicely. So reports the pastor, Brother Hall.

Brother Lyon contributes a thoughtful article on the Lord's Supper, under the title, "An Argument Settler."

At Riddlesburg, Pa., brother J. W. Smouse is conducting a revival meeting with a result thus far of fifteen accessions.

Another accession in the Falls city church. Brother Harrison is working out the gospel plan, "To every man his work."

When last heard from Brother Byers was engaged in revival work at Vinco, Pa., with four accessions and others under conviction.

The revival meeting at the mission in Dayton by Brother Copp closed with eleven accessions and the work greatly strengthened. The work in Dayton should have the hearty support of the church.

At the conclusion of his article, "Our College," Brother Swinehart says if the editor does not publish it he will write another and better one next time. That is not only a worthy ambition but it is the Christ-spirit. More than one puts it this way: "Publish this article or stop the paper."

On January 22, Brother Talley began gospel meetings in the Chicago Mission which are to continue each night for several weeks. A circular containing announcements has been issued and distributed. Among the titles of sermons announced are these: "The Christ of the Bible," "What did Jesus Teach," "Will He Come Again," "The Atonement."

Brethren Copp and Welty were with us over Sunday last. Brother Copp preached in the morning on "Power—How to Obtain It" In the evening Brother Welty preached on "The Abundant Life." The services, including Sunday school and King's Children, were both pleasant and profitable. We were glad to have these brethren with us. Come again.

Glenford, Gretna, Dayton, and Louisville, were candidates for the Ohio State Conference. The Executive Committee, consisting of Z. H. Copp, W. A. Welty, and A. D. Gnagey, met last Saturday and prepared a program which will be announced later. The committee decided to accept the call from the Louisville church.

Men say that time is money. That is a wretched burlesque. It would be as truthful to say that light is money, that air is money, that sleep is money. Time is thought; time is knowledge; time is character; time is power; time is the threshold of eternity.—*Austin Phelps.*